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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER DATED JANUARY 4, 1978 TO CROWN PRINCE
FAHD.

BEGIN TEXT.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU
ONCE AGAIN. I VALUE THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH
WE ESTABLISHED DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND
I BELIEVE THAT THIS VISIT, HOWEVER BRIEF, HAS ADDED
A NEW DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING.

OUR NATIONS ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY MANY DIFFERENT TIES.
IN COMMERCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY, AND MANY OTHER FIELDS,
OUR INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL. OUR TALKS DURING THIS
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SHORT VISIT HAVE REAFFIRMED THAT BASIC FACT. BUT PER-
HAPS OUR DEEPEST MUTUAL INTEREST IS OUR CONCERN FOR THE
PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. AS I INDICATED
TO YOU, WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS WHICH
SAUDI ARABIA IS MAKING TO INSURE THAT POLITICAL
EVOLUTION IN THE GULF, IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND IN
THE ARAB WORLD IS ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP IN THE DIRECTION

OF MODERATION AND PEACE. FOR THIS, YOU AND YOUR
GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF HIS MAJESTY
KING KHALID, DESERVE THE GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION OF
ALL MEN OF GOODWILL.

I WAS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO REAFFIRM DURING OUR MEETINGS
THE UNSHAKEABLE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
SECURITY AND WELLBEING OF THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA.
IN THIS AREA, AS IN MANY OTHERS, THE CLOSENESS OF OUR
COOPERATION DEMONSTRATES THE DEPTH OF TRUST AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS GROWN OVER TIME. I BELIEVE
THAT THIS LATEST VISIT CAN BE SEEN AS PART OF A PROCESS
OF MATURING FRIENDSHIP WHICH BEGAN MANY YEARS AGO IN
THE MEETING BETWEEN A GREAT AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND THE
FOUNDING RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA. I AM
PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT HISTORIC
PROCESS.

PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL THANKS TO THE MANY OFFICIALS
IN YOUR GOVERNMENT WHOSE EFFORTS MADE OUR VISIT TO
RIYADH SUCH A PLEASANT AND MEMORABLE OCCASION.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD
CROWN PRINCE AND FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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